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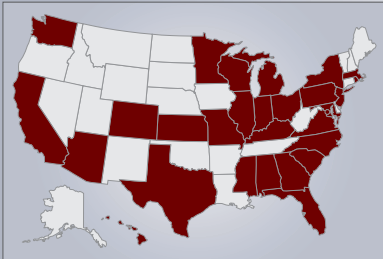
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162 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN THE U.S. ON OFFENSES RELATED to the Islamic State (also known as IS, ISIS, and ISIL) since March 2014, when the first arrests occurred. Of those:

The average age of those charged is **28**

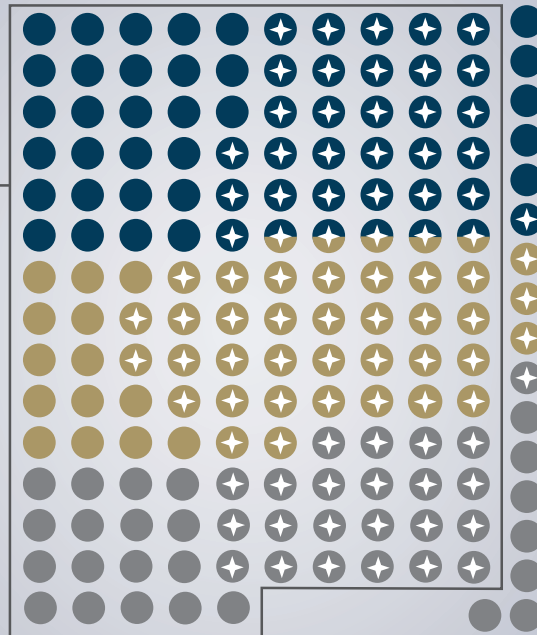
90% are male

Their activities were located in **28** states and the District of Columbia



The average length of sentence in years **13***

* Uses 470 months for life sentences per the practice of the U.S. Sentencing Commission'



41%

were accused of attempting to travel or successfully traveled abroad.

33%

were accused of being involved in plots to carry out attacks on U.S. soil.

57%

were charged in an operation involving an informant and/or an undercover agent.

★ indicates law enforcement operation

110 HAVE PLEADED OR BEEN FOUND GUILTY

Arrests

WAHEBA ISSA DAIS

JUN 13

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Officials charged and arrested Waheba Issa Dais, a 45-year-old legal permanent resident and citizen of Israel living in Cudahy, Wisconsin, with attempting to provide material support to IS. According to officials, in January 2018 Dais began using social media to promote the IS agenda, facilitate recruitment, and maintain a virtual library of instructions on how to make bombs, biological weapons, poisons, and suicide vests. She also encouraged others to commit attacks on behalf of the terrorist group and, according to Facebook, Dais hacked into the social media

accounts of other users to pledge support for IS.

Sources: [Dais Affidavit](#), [DOJ Press Release](#), [NBC News](#), [BBC News](#)

Legal Proceedings (IS & Other Groups)

VICENTE ADOLFO SOLANO

JUN 1

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Vicente Adolfo Solano, a 53-year-old citizen of Honduras residing in Miami, Florida, was charged to 17.5 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to IS. In early 2017, Solano expressed desire to conduct an attack in Miami to an individual who later became a confidential human source (CHS). In further

conversations with the CHS, Solano said he wanted to join IS. He then discussed plans to attack Dolphin Mall near Miami with the CHS and two undercover FBI agents. Solano accepted an explosive device from an undercover FBI agent, armed it, and began walking towards the mall entrance to conduct an attack; FBI agents arrested Solano before he was able to detonate the device. Solano pleaded guilty to the charges on March 14, 2018. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [WPTV](#)

EVERITT AARON JAMESON



Everitt Aaron Jameson, a 26-year-old resident of San Francisco, CA, and former U.S. Marine, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide material support to IS. From September to December of 2017, Jameson expressed support for IS and attacks committed by its supporters, including the October 2017 IS-inspired attack committed by Sayfullo Saipov in New York City that killed eight people. On December 16, 2017, Jameson discussed with an undercover agent his plans to orchestrate a terrorist attack on Christmas Day at Pier 39 in San Francisco. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC 7 News](#)

ARAFAT M. NAGI



Arafat M. Nagi, a 47-year-old resident of Lackawanna, New York, was charged to 15 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to IS. Nagi traveled to Turkey on two occasions, first in October 2012 and later in July 2014, with the intent of meeting IS members. He also expressed support for IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi over Twitter and encouraged others to engage in jihad. According to officials, prior to each trip, Nagi purchased extensive combat gear including combat boots, body armor, night vision goggles, and a burn kit. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC 7 News](#)

PARVEG AHMED



Parveg Ahmed, a 22-year-old resident of Queens, New York, pleaded guilty to attempting to provide

material support to IS. In June 2017, Ahmed traveled to Saudi Arabia with a friend. From Saudi Arabia, the two men then attempted to travel to Syria through a third country. However, local authorities in that country took the men into custody before they were able to cross into Syria, and extradited them to the U.S. After searching Ahmed's computer and phone, U.S. officials found expressions of support for IS and intention to join the group in Syria. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [New York Times](#)

AZIZ IHAB SAYYED



Aziz Ihab Sayyed, a 23 year-old resident of Huntsville, Alabama, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for attempting to provide material support to IS. According to authorities, from January to June of 2017, Sayyed researched and learned how to make triacetone triperoxide (TATP), an explosive material. He then purchased ingredients to make TATP and discussed his aspiration to conduct IS-inspired attacks on police stations and the Redstone Arsenal U.S. Army post. He also attempted to create an IS cell, expressed support for the group's actions online, and shared IS videos. On June 13, 2017, Sayyed met with an undercover FBI agent posing as an IS member and offered to carry out attacks on behalf of the terrorist group.

Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC News](#)

AMIR SAID RAHMAN AL-GHAZI



Amir Said Rahman Al-Ghazi, also known as Robert McCollum, a 41-year-old resident of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, was charged to 16 years in prison for providing material support to IS and being a felon in possession of firearms. Between July 2014 and June 2015, McCollum pledged support for IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi over social media and repeatedly attempted to recruit others to join IS with the intent of creating an IS cell in the U.S. He also expressed desire to carry out an attack in the U.S. and took steps towards creating IS propaganda videos to disseminate over the Internet. On June 19, 2015, authorities arrest-

ed him while attempting to purchase an AK-47 assault rifle from an undercover FBI agent. Authorities also found a .45-caliber handgun, IS flag, and sword in his home. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [NBC News](#), [Seattle Times](#)

JAMSHID MUHTOROV

JUN 21



Jamshid Muhtorov, a refugee from Uzbekistan, was found guilty of three counts of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization. Federal prosecutors said Muhtorov pledged allegiance to the Islamic Jihad Union (IJU), a designated foreign terrorist group founded in Uzbekistan in 2002 as a splinter of Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. He also expressed desire to die as a martyr overseas in a holy war. FBI officials arrested Muhtorov on January 21, 2012 as he attempted to board a plane in route Turkey. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [ABC 7 News](#)

JOSHUA RYNE GOLDBERG

JUN 25



Joshua Ryne Goldberg, a 23-year-old resident of Orange Park, Florida, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for attempting to cause damage and destruction to a building with an explosive. In May 2015, two attackers opened fire at an event at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, TX. In the weeks before the attack, Goldberg urged others to attack the event and published the location of the center. In exchanges with a confidential source, Goldberg also stated that he was

encouraging an individual to carry out a bombing in Melbourne, Australia. Goldberg then tried to get the source to plant a bomb at a September 11, 2001 memorial event in Kansas City, Missouri on September 13, 2015. Goldberg pleaded guilty to the charges on December 20, 2017. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [Business Insider](#)

AHMED ABU KHATALLAH

JUN 27

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A court sentenced Ahmed Abu Khatallah, a 47-year-old Libyan national, to 22 years in prison for his involvement in the attacks on the U.S. Special Mission Compound and CIA Annex in Benghazi, Libya on September 11, 2012. The attacks resulted in the death of U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and U.S. government personnel Sean Smith, Tyrone Woods, and Glen Doherty. According to court files, Khatallah led the extremist militia Ubaydah bin Jarrah and sought to incite violence against the U.S. presence in Libya. On September 11, 2012, Khatallah directed his group to carry out attacks on both the U.S. Mission Compound and CIA annex. Government evidence of Khatallah's cellphone records show that he prevented emergency responders from reaching the scene and warned other militias not to intervene in the attacks. A jury found Khatallah guilty on November 28, 2017 of one count of conspiracy to provide material support, one count of maliciously destroying and injuring dwellings and property, and placing lives in jeopardy within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the U.S., and one count of using and carrying a semiautomatic assault rifle during a crime of violence. Sources: [DOJ Press Release](#), [New York Times](#)